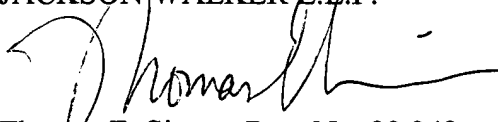


REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-10 are allowed. The minor amendments to the drawing sheet (7/8) and the specifications have been made to place the application in a condition for allowance. The Applicant asks the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

A replacement drawing sheet (7/8) containing the correct reference numerals is attached for approval, wherein the original reference numeral indicating the sphere is changed from (27) to (272). An extra copy showing the changes in red ink is provided for the Examiner's review.



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REPLACEMENT SHEET

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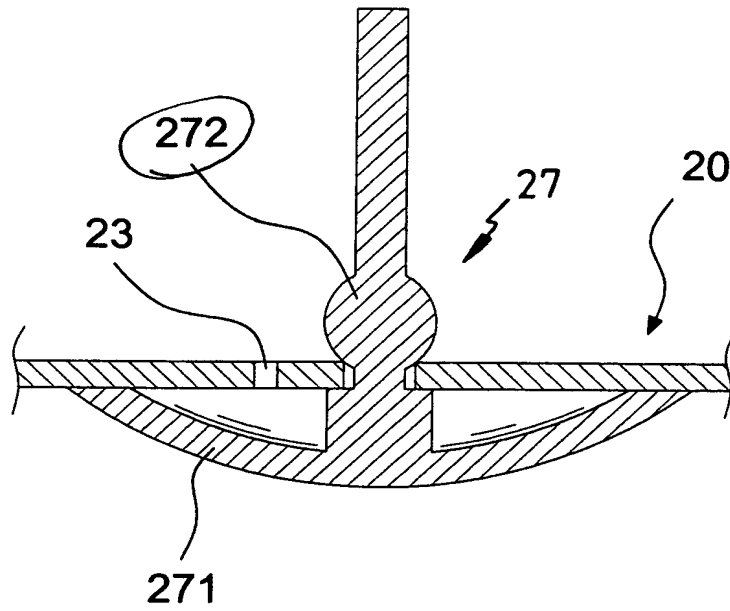


FIG. 8

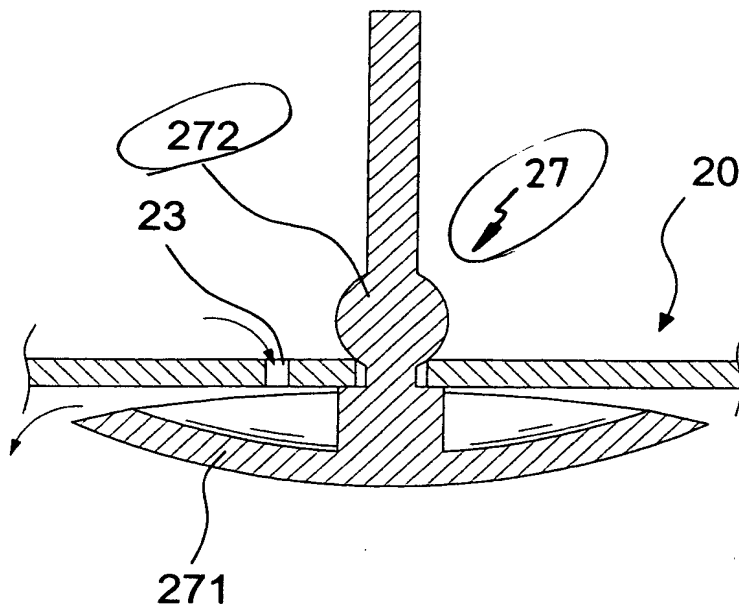


FIG. 9